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1. WE ARE FULLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE EFFORT WHICH MISSION
PUT INTO GETTING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEFENSE INITIA-
TIVES OFF TO A FLYING START AND AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSED
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POSITION AT 16 JUNE EWG MEETING (REF E).

2. HOWEVER, DESPITE YOUR CONTINUING EFFORTS, WE REMAIN
CONCERNED AT RELATIVELY LEISURELY PACE OF NATO BUREAUCRACY.
AS KILLICK TOLD FELLOW PERMREPS ON 3 JUNE, THERE ARE ONLY
30 WEEKS LEFT BETWEEN NOW AND SPRING MINISTERIAL. WE HOPE
EWG CAN TAKE EARLY ACTION TO ADOPT MILESTONES SIMILAR TO

THOSE WE HAVE PROPOSED. MOST IMPORTANT, EWG SHOULD SET
DATE NOW FOR MEETING WITH POLICY LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FOR
MID-JULY TO PERMIT NATIONAL CAPITAL REPS TO BLOCK CALENDARS
AND KEEP PRESSURE ON FOR COMPLETION OF REPORTS. IN EARLY

JULY, EWG COULD SCHEDULE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION SESSIONS
WITH TASK FORCE DIRECTORS AS APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO
LINE UP KEY AGENDA QUESTIONS FOR REINFORCED EWG MEETING.

3. WE WILL BRING TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S ATTENTION
DURING WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK.

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